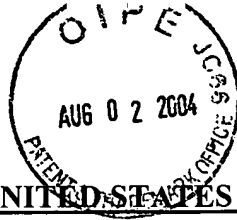


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This responds to the Office Action mailed on March 29, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from June 29, 2004 to July 29, 2004.